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Lucy Hatton was one of several Corby AC athletes to perform well at the Birmingham Games held over two days at the National Indoor Arena. She chalked up three brilliant victories in the under-15 girls age group - all in new personal bests.

She took the long jump with a leap of 5.05m when defeating Wolverhampton's Sarah Douras (4.65m) and also won her 60m race in 8.21 before going on to set new figures of 9.43 when taking the 60m hurdles, again from Douras, who clocked 9.87.

She then smashed her lifetime best when she cleared a fine 1.50m to take equal third in the high jump competition along with Rugby and Northampton's Hannah Scales as Solihull's Molly Eales won on countback from Douras after the pair both recorded 1.55m.

Another in action for Corby in the high jump was Emma MacFarlane whose effort of 1.45m slotted her into eighth place. On her indoor debut she returned a useful time of 28.89 for fourth in her 200m race while Katie Fowler came home third in her race, also in a best of 28.86.

Beth Smyton also turned on the style for Corby with a gutsy win in a closely run 800m in which she edged out Wolverhampton's Amy Hillyard (2.27.95) to win in 2.27.77 with fellow Corby runner Celine Bangay a close up third in 2.28.51.

In the corresponding boys age group Corby was represented by Jasper Larken, who kept himself busy when taking part in four events over the weekend. He picked up a couple of runner-up spots in the 400m and the 800m - in the former he clocked 60.76 behind Ipswich's Matthew Constable (56.66) while in the longer event he ran 2.21.8 as Yate's Kane Lee won in 2.13.2. In his other two events he clocked 7.99 over 60m and 26.36 in the 200m.

Gaby Bangay gave a slick performance when she finished second in the Under-17 ladies 60m hurdles. She clocked 8.93 behind Stoke's Jazmin Sawyer (8.88) and also leapt 5.14m to occupy the same position in the long jump contest which was again won by Sawyer with 5.34m.

On the boys side Sam Baker also picked up second place in the 60m hurdles when he recorded 9.3 behind Rugby & Northampton AC's Themba Luhana (8.3).

Ross Davies was another to come second in the same under-17 age group with a run of 54.49 over 400m. He also returned times of 7.82 (60m) and 24.56 (200m) while Simon Scott with 25.78 (200m) and 7.99 (60m) plus Tarun Benning with 27.23 in the 200m competed in the same age group for Corby. Scott (5.34m) and Benning (5.12m) also took part in the long jump.

Veteran Tony Wells ran times of 9.73 for the 60m hurdles, 61.95 over 400m and 27.59 for the 200m while competing for Kettering Town Harriers were Samuel Gordon (7.39 in the under-20 60m) and senior woman Katy Williams, who clocked 9.34 in the 60m and 31.24 for 200m.